

responders, and private entities and business who collaborate on meet the needs of communities experiencing a disaster.

I offered this Amendment to this bill because of my experience with Hurricane Harvey.

There was no way to pre-prepare for Hurricane Harvey, or Maria or any of the other major disaster events in 2017.

What we can do is learn as much as possible and apply those lessons to future disaster response and recovery efforts.

When there is an event, like Hurricane Harvey there are important and valuable lessons that can help us to meet future challenges.

On June 1, 2018, this year's Hurricane Season will begin, and it must be the duty of this Congress to make sure that FEMA is prepared to meet the challenge.

I plan to introduce a FEMA Modernization Act this year to address a range of moderation issues that are intended to strength the capacity of the agency to manage several major disasters simultaneously.

Every place in this nation has one or more vulnerability to floods, damaging storms, wildfires, earthquakes, volcanic activity, or earth movement—such as mudslides.

FEMA is the nation's premier organization that must respond to catastrophes at a moment's notice.

Making permanent the FEMA's work in disaster response and recovery will be part of this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DEREK J. SPRAGUE

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Derek "Boomer" J. Sprague.

Boomer embodied what it means to be a citizen of the North Country. At work, Derek was incredibly skilled at Luck Bros, Inc., operating large machinery and moving heavy metals with ease. At home, Boomer was his children's biggest fan and could be found coaching their sports teams and cheering them on. In his spare time, Boomer took advantage of the beautiful North Country to fish, hunt, golf,

and most importantly, spend time with the people he loved. Instead of focusing on material success, Boomer's family and friends knew him to value spending time with the important people in his life more than anything.

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to Boomer's family and friends, and especially his two children, by whom he will be greatly missed. It is clear that Boomer's happy spirit and love for life and for all he met will leave a lasting impact on his community. His memory will be forever cherished in the hearts of the many people he touched throughout his life.

#### HONORING GAINESVILLE'S DHRUV GAUR

#### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dhruv Gaur a Gainesville, native and Lakeview Academy alumnus, who recently became the college champion of "Jeopardy!," America's favorite quiz show.

Dhruv studies public health and economics at Brown University. Each season, "Jeopardy!" hosts college students for a tournament, giving them the opportunity to represent their school through a display of their trivia knowledge.

This season, Dhruv competed on the game show, and, despite his incorrect "Final Jeopardy" answer, he prevailed. As the victor, this Gainesville student took home a \$100,000 cash prize, which he plans to use for future investments.

Although Dhruv Gaur clenched the victory sporting his Brown University sweater, he also represented his neighbors back home in Northeast Georgia through his success. I congratulate Dhruv on his "Jeopardy!" win and look forward to his future success.

#### COMMENDING STUDENTS ADVOCATING AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

#### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Adin Segal, Tal Shauder, Eli Eiston, Isana Singh, and Zach Bodin, five students from Palm Beach County who have come together to say enough is enough with the gun violence in our country. While Congress refuses to enact common sense gun safety legislation, a new generation is taking action.

These students enrolled in the Peres Leadership Program, named after former Israeli President Shimon Peres' vision of leadership. For Peres, leadership was a noble cause defined not by personal ambition, but by moral values and a call to do the right thing. These students are all too familiar with our collective failure to protect them from gun violence. They reject calls for arming teachers and placing armed guards in schools. They do not accept the idea that the answer to gun violence is more guns. They see their schools as sanctuaries of learning in which guns have no place.

To support and honor the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the students created the National Association of Students Against Gun Violence, establishing chapters in their schools to connect and unite students as they fight against gun violence. Their organization seeks to register every student to vote on their 18th birthday, facilitate town hall forums, and advocate for accountable leadership that supports reasonable solutions to gun violence.

Since its founding only four weeks ago, their group has grown to nearly 1,000 members in 70 chapters in high schools across Florida, with more on the way in high schools and colleges around the country.

I commend their activism, leadership, and dedication to their communities and I look forward to working with them to advance common sense gun legislation, like expanding background checks and banning the sale of assault rifles, high capacity magazines and bump stock devices. This is the least we can do.